

Are short-term rentals allowed in Crystal Lake Township?

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Presently, there are no ordinances covering short term rentals in the Township. Several cities and townships in the area have enacted ordinances requiring licensing of rental properties; constituents have pushed to enact one for our jurisdiction. CLT is considering one, but though close to enacting a policy, nothing has been passed to date. However, please note the following qualifiers presently in place:

- All zoning districts in the Township are residential zoning allowing only one single family dwelling per lot.
- Parking on residential lots is limited to two (2) cars. Parking more cars may be subject to citations if parked improperly.
- Properties that are continuously rented to non-family members are considered to be a commercial business.
- A recent court ruling was decided in favor of a township who sued an owner who was renting his property continuously on the basis that the owner was operating a commercial property in a residentially zoned area.
- If a property is rented for more than two weeks in one year, the owner would lose their State of Michigan Personal Residence Exemption (PRE) from certain property taxes.